

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Canceled).

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): An organic electroluminescent device that comprises organic compound layer(s) including at least one organic emitting layer sandwiched between a pair of electrodes, wherein at least one organic compound layer is formed from an organic compound material and said at least one organic compound layer contains having an impurity concentration of lower than 500 ppm and the impurity therein is of a halogen-containing compound.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): The organic electroluminescent device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the halogen-containing compound is a halide.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The organic electroluminescent device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the organic compound layers are a hole injection layer, an organic emitting layer and an electron injection layer.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The organic electroluminescent device as claimed in claim 2, wherein at least one organic compound material to form the organic compound layer(s) is purified through sublimation.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The organic electroluminescent device as claimed in claim 2, wherein at least one organic compound material to form the organic compound

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layer(s) is purified through recrystallization or reprecipitation, or through recrystallization combined with reprecipitation.

Claims 7-9 (Canceled).

DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENT

Claim 1 has been amended by, in effect, requiring that the at least one organic compound layer contain less than 500 ppm of a halogen-containing compound, as opposed to having an impurity concentration of less than 500 ppm of a halogen-containing compound. The amendment is deemed to be supported in the specification generally, and particularly at page 53, line 3 through the end of page 57.

No new matter is believed to have been added by the above amendment. With entry thereof, Claims 2-6 will remain pending in the application.